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Florida House Speaker, Ways & Means Committee Chair Announce ‘Freedom Week’ Sales Tax Holiday

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (April 16, 2021) — Today, Florida House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, and House Ways & Means Committee Chair Bobby Payne, R-Palatka, announced “Freedom Week,” a new tax holiday that would fall on the week of the Fourth of July. The concept rolled out as part of a Proposed Committee Bill (PCB) passed favorably in the Ways & Means Committee today.

The PCB proposes “Freedom Week” to run Thursday, July 1, through Wednesday, July 7, 2021, and it exempts certain purchases on outdoor activities – such as boating, camping and outdoor sporting events – from Florida’s standard sales tax.

“Coming out of what could be seen as our most difficult year in recent memory, I can’t think of a better way to encourage the celebration of our freedom and how far we have come – both as a nation and state,” said Speaker Chris Sprowls. “This Fourth of July tax holiday is all about encouraging people to safely enjoy Florida’s greatest asset, the great outdoors. We hope this tax holiday will serve to unite us as Americans and help us create new memories with our friends and loved ones across the Sunshine State.”

Committee Chair Bobby Payne said, “The Freedom Week bill encourages every Floridian to celebrate our freedom this Independence Day by enjoying the outdoors with family and friends – tax free.”

Under the PCB, the following would be exempt from sales tax during “Freedom Week”:

Under \$5

- Bait and fishing tackle if sold separately (under \$10 per pack if sold in multi-packs)

Under \$15

- Sunscreen and insect repellent

Under \$25

- Snorkels, goggles and swimming masks

Under \$30:

- Lanterns and flashlights
- Water bottles

Under \$40:

- Collapsible camping chairs

Under \$50

- Sleeping bags
- Portable hammocks
- Camping stoves
- Hydration packs

Under \$75

- Coolers
- Binoculars
- Sunglasses
- Life jackets
- Rods and reels (or under \$150 if purchased as a set)

Under \$100

- Camping tents

Under \$150

- Inflatable tubes or floats capable of being towed

Dues/Admissions through 2021

- Sporting and live music event tickets
- State park admission
- Gym dues and fees
- Movie theater tickets

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